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A PERSONAL NOTE: Supplement #2 for the Network Log is available (complete log is still \$18); Supplement #4 for the Circulating Show Log is also available (complete log is \$23 including all supplements.) Send a SASE for one or both supplements...OUR MISS BROOKS is a very difficult show to collect because of title and description duplication and confusion. I have chronologically dated 62 available OMB shows and described 57 undated ones, some of which may be duplications. It is available for a SASE, especially if you have a large collection and can help me correct and/or add to it.

On Nov 25th I turned 53; My son, Craig, was 23 on Oct 25th and lives in Kansas City; My daughter, Robin, was 24 on Nov 8 and lives in Albany. Craig and Robin have their own cable tv installation business. Branches are in Kansas City, Mo; Albany, NY; Orlando and Melbourne, Fla; Greensboro, NC; Portland, ME. Robin came down to our OTR convention in 1986. Karen (my wife) and I entertain every weekend at bar mitzvahs, weddings, shows, etc. Karen and I wish all of you a very happy holiday.

CONVENTION '87: Details on the convention on last page. To regain some of our unusual expenses, we are continuing to sell various items:

Friends of Old-time Radio pins (lapel \$5.00; larger \$6.00).

Friends of Old-time Radio T-shirts (\$8.00); mention size needed.

A set of 5 pictures of several of our personalities at our convention (2 photos on each one) (\$15). Stars shown are John Archer, Margot Stevenson, Fran Carlon, Dwight Weist, Les Tremayne, Jackson Beck, Gladys Holland, Bill Zuckert.

Souvenir Convention Booklet and program (\$1.00 plus postage; total \$1.56)

Audio tapes now available (7 reels for \$30; done in stereo). Any extra money realized from this will go to the Friends of Old-time Radio. Availability of cassettes will be announced later. Send \$30 to Bob Burnham, Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48150. Individual reels are \$5. Send a SASE for details of each reel if necessary. Past convention audio recordings from 1984-86 also available.

CONVENTION '88: Suggestions are always welcome for new guests (send addresses if possible), workshops (will you lead one?), format, etc. If you would like to help let me know what you can do. Dates are Oct 20-22, Holiday Inn-North, Newark Airport. We are tentatively planning to start on Thursday evening [dinner and workshop(s)].

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: According to Owens Pomeroy, a British production company is going to produce Amos & Andy for the London stage. More details when available...The Steve Allen Show premiered Oct 12, 2-5 p.m. on the NBC Radio Network. The show is a blend of comedy, music, guests, listener phone calls...A reminder for those who have satellites: tune in The Yesterday USA Superstation (Spacenet 1 Transponder 21 audio sub-carrier 6.2). It is on from 6 PM to 6 AM (Central Standard Time) with a variety of OTR and vintage music. Hosts among others are Bob Burnham, Carl Amari, Tom Heathwood. Bill Bragg is in charge of Yesterday. Bill is planning a new 24-hour a day station but he needs investors to help get it started. Bill makes no money at all from this. If you can help or want more details write Bill Bragg, 2001 Plymouth Rock, Richardson, TX 75081.

{✓} If box is checked. \$10 is due for another year

Gary Yoggy writes that The Clemens Center of Performing Arts in Elmira, NY in cooperation with Elmira radio stations WENY-AM and WLEZ-FM are presenting an evening of live radio drama on Friday, Dec 11th. Two radio shows will be dramatized live before an audience who will be served a buffet dinner. The shows, The Shadow and Fibber McGee & Molly, will be broadcast live over both radio stations. Gary is serving as consultant and will appear in the cast of each show with local actors. If successful this could lead to a monthly presentation. For further info write Gary at 72 Bissell Ave, Corning, NY 14830.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SPERDVAC RADIOGRAM, Sep, article on Jack Johnstone...Oct; Chris Lembesis continues his review of old-time radio books. Chris has one of the largest collection of OTR related books in the world...Nov; articles include a review of our convention, features on Michael Rye and Louise Erickson...NOSTALGIA DIGEST, Oct-Nov, article on Sherlock Holmes on radio. ...ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Sep, article on Conquerors of the Clouds...NARA NEWS, Vol 15 No. 2; articles and Burns & Allen and Suspense...METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON OTR NEWS, Oct-Nov, article on Louise Erickson...MILWAUKEE CLUB NEWSLETTER, Oct; article on the Museum of Broadcast Communication in Chicago...MEMORIES (put out by the OTR Club of Buffalo). 40-page booklet devoted to swing music...RETURN WITH US NOW, Nov, review of their 3rd annual OTR convention in Denver area.

BOOKS and MAGAZINES: Dick Osgood, 32575 Nottingham Knolls, Farmington Hills, MI 48018 has about 100 copies left of his book, WYXIE WONDERLAND. They are for sale from Dick for \$15 each which includes autograph and mailing...THE EARLY DAYS OF BROADCASTING by George Douglas; McFarland & Co, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640; 1987; \$25.95. This book contains everything you wanted to know about radio from 1920-1930. It covers all areas including programming, manufacture of radio sets, rise of the networks, the stars of the day. I well recommend it....THE PULSE OF BROADCASTING, 150 East 58th St, NYC, NY 10022 is a weekly magazine devoted only to radio today. Subscription is \$150 a year (about 40 pages). Editor is Tom Shovan.

CONVENTIONS: The next Childhood Treasures Convention will be held at the Sheraton Plaza, Dallas, TX on July 23-24, 1988. The last one was a big success with over 1800 people attending. There were over 200 dealer tables with much radio memorabilia sold by Jack Melcher, Pat Morgan and Ted Hake. For details write Don Maris, Box 111266, Arlington, TX 76007.

LOGS: RAY STANICH has two new logs: DEATH VALLEY DAYS (Also Death Valley Sheriff and The Sheriff) for \$7.50 ppd first class, flat; YOURS TRULY, JOHNNY DOLLAR (some gaps) for \$3.50...Tom Price has recently released his brand new Fibber McGee's Closet: The Ultimate Log of Fibber McGee & Molly. The McGee log is 600 pages and the Smackout log is 200. Even the FM&M tv show is logged in detail. Somewhat expensive in price, says Price, but it actually cost him twice as much to produce over a nine-year period: \$79.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and 6% tax for CA residents.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: JOHN McKINNEY, 25101 Clark, New Boston, MI 48164...VERONICA McDONALD, 1130 Stadium Ave, Bronx, NY 10465 looking for tape of Martin Block's final broadcast of Make-Believe Ballroom over WNEW in NYC. It was on Jan 1, 1954...MARTHA STOCKTON, 10451 E Plumeria Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749 looking for show in which woman receives a letter from her sister and tries to get her son and husband to read it aloud. They mispronounce many of the words and she sends them off. They go downtown for ice cream.. CHRIS BILLINGSLEY, Rt 2 Box 16, Grand Cane, LA 71032...CARL AMARI, Box 2141, Schiller Pk, IL

60176...VINCENT DONNELLY, 123 Sturges St, Staten Island, NY 10314...ARTHUR FIRMERY, 2 Gracie Ln, Darien, CT 06820...JOHN FURMAN, Box 132, Ballston Lake, NY 12019...Carol Deis and Joseph Kahn. Carol was a singer on NBC radio in the 30's; Joseph, her husband, played piano for many shows; was especially the pianist for Information Please...JOE SENTER, 4003 Clifton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220...GEORGE NIERENBERG, 230 Park Ave Suite 460, NYC, NY 10169 is looking for any information and/or pictures of the Apollo Theater for The American Experience Series on PBS...Dan McCoy (McCoy's Recording, Inc.), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352. Dan is the son of Pat and Dee McCoy. They have been selling OTR shows for close to 17 years.

ANDY JAYSNOVITCH, 6 Dana Estates Dr, Parlin, NJ 08859...ADAM LOVE, Box 10725, Costa Mesa, CA 92627...TERRY GAINER, 98 Park St, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1N 2P1...FRED McFADDEN, Box 4721, Rome, NY 13440. Fred is an expert on Judy Garland, especially her radio shows.

OLD FRIENDS: TOM HEATHWOOD, 22 Broadlawn Pk, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 still wants Chic. Theater of the Air, Railroad Hour, Arthur Godfrey (1953 Chesterfield shows on CBS mornings), and any Gilbert & Sullivan material. Tom now has a radio show on Bill Bragg's Yesterday-USA Superstation...MAX SALATHIEL, 4712 Spiva Dr, Del City, OK 73115 is looking for tapes of "Moonglow with Martin" which featured jazz recordings and hosted by Dick Martin. He was on a New Orleans station in the 50's and early 60's, later moving to St. Louis, ending up at KRMG-AM in Tulsa, OK where he died a few years ago.

It was a great OTR shop this year. It was nice meeting and greeting old friends and some new ones. If any of you need blank cassettes, boxes, labels, reel to reel tapes, video tapes, just call for a free catalog; 1-800-331-3191; in NY 516-678-4414. Your order will be shipped the same day your order is placed. Thanks for your patronage. From Ruth and Rudy Schwartz (Burlington Tapes), 106 Mott St, Oceanside, NY 11572...I sent Roy Hopper \$25 for Suspense scripts on Sep 9th and even after a follow-up letter have heard nothing. Does anyone know anything further. I have no phone number for him.

IN FOND MEMORY: LORNE GREENE, Sep 11, 72; actor; was Canada's top newscaster in the 40's...BERNADINE HAYES, Aug 29, 75; radio singer, actress...PAULA BAUERSMITH, Aug 6, 78; stage, tv, radio actress (Studio One)...BOB JENSEN, Sep 8, 75; audio engineer at NBC (Carnation Contented Hour, Breakfast Club)...HARRY HOLCOMBE, Sep 15, 80; actor, radio director (Tena and Tim, Dr. I.Q)...MARY ASTOR, Sep 25, 81; versatile actress (1 Suspense and 3 Lux)...NORMAN LUBOFF, Sep 22, 70; choral director, composer, arranger (Railroad Hour)...MADELEINE CARROLL, Oct 2, 81; British-born actress (The Circle, frequent guest on Bob Hope)...RUBY DANDRIDGE, Oct 17, 87; singer and actress (Beulah, Judy Canova)...NANCY MOORE, Oct 21, 79; radio, tv and magazine writer (Second Husband)...LUCY MONROE, Oct 13, 80; singer (Circus Night)...CECIL BROWN, Oct 25, 80; radio and tv newsman...WOODY HERMAN, Oct 29, 74; great clarinetist; had radio show for Wildroot 1945-46...CECIL BROWN, Oct 25, 80; Veteran radio news broadcaster.

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JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, Ct 06514 (203) 248-2887 \$10/year

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 12th Annual Convention on October 23rd and 24th, 1987, at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: Mason Adams, Eric Arthur, John Archer, Barney Beck, Judith Bublick, Carol Deis, Ray Erlenborn, Laurette Fillbrandt, Maria Gambarelli, Earl George, Gladys Holland, Joseph Kahn, Joseph Nathan Kane, Elaine Kent, Jay Meredith, William Murtough, Joyce Randolph, Bob Steel, Les Tremayne, Jean Francis Webb, Bill Zuckert. Other celebrities present were: Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Jackson Beck, Court Benson, Ward Byron, Fran Carlon, Lon Clark, Mildred Clinton, Pat Hosley, Gil Mack, Ted Mallie, Charlotte Manson, Grace Matthews, Arnold Moss, Ken Roberts, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Sidney Slon, Margot Stevenson, Ezra Stone, Arthur Tracy, Sybil Trent, Robert VanDeventer, Veola Vonn Nelson, Jane Ward, Dwight Weist, Florence Williams, Ernie Winstanley. The guests socialized with fans and re-created 6 radio shows.

The convention began on Friday at 12 noon when the 44 dealers tables opened. 192 people attended the dinner with another 47 in the afternoon. Video tapes of radio-tv shows were shown both days. Workshops and panels included: The Dave Warren players re-creating two episodes of ILAM; Computers (Alan Chapman); Gateway to Hollywood Panel with John Archer; Halls of Ivy (Larry and John Gassman); Kids Cowboy Shows (Jack French). Auditions were held for Gateway to Hollywood. After dinner an episode of The Thin Man was re-created with Les Tremayne in the title role followed by an informal panel with Friday's guests.

On Saturday at 9 the dealers tables opened again and workshops started including: Gateway to Hollywood re-creation with Carolyn Senter and David Zwengler winning. They were given roles to play in Big Town that evening. Sound effects panel (Terry Ross, Ray Erlenborn); Fibber McGee & Molly (Charles Stumpf); Science fiction (Re-creation of Knock with Arnold Moss and Bill Zuckert); Women in Radio (Ron Lackmann, Adele Ronson, Sybil Trent); Detective Panel (Anthony Tollin, Bill Nadel hosting panel of over 10 guests who participated in detective shows); Re-creation of Quick as a Flash with John Archer as the Shadow; Quiz Show Panel (Tom DeLong).

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 270 people with another 140 coming just for the day. After dinner Young Widder Brown was re-created with Les Tremayne and Adele Ronson; then Big Town with Fran Carlon, Mason Adams, Dwight Weist. Sound effects were supplied by Terry Ross and Ray Erlenborn. Donations were then presented: \$500 to The Actors Fund of America; \$500 to the Bedside Network; \$1000 to AFTRA'S Frank Nelson Scholarship Fund which was accepted by Veola Vonn Nelson.

The Awards were then given. Special awards were given to (1) Sidney Slon for his contributions to radio. Sidney wrote a special Shadow script for Quick as a Flash. (2) SPERDVAC for their dedication and work to preserve radio. (3) Anthony Tollin for 5 years of planning all the re-creations for the conventions plus much else.

I want to again thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.